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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONSULATE IN CHICAGO

REF: STATE 7943

1. CHARGE TODAY TOOK UP WITH MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ZANTOVSKY QUESTIONS CONCERNING CZECHOSLOVAK CONSULATE IN CHICAGO RAISED IN REFTEL.

2. ON TIMING, ZANTOVSKY SAID THAT, WHILE MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, CZECHS PLAN TENTATIVELY TO OPEN IN AUTUMN OF THIS YEAR. HE NOTED THAT THIS MIGHT ROUGHLY COINCIDE WITH OPENING OF BRATISLAVA CONSULATE, BUT ASSERTED THAT ANY CZECH DELAY WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR PLANS TO OPEN.

3. ZANTOVSKY SAID THAT CZECHS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DESIGNATE POST AS CONSULATE GENERAL. HE USED OCCASION TO URGE THAT WE DO SAME, ARGUING THAT BRATISLAVA IS CAPITAL OF ONE OF COUNTRY'S TWO CONSTITUENT REPUBLICS, AND THAT OTHER STATES REPRESENTED THERE FOLLOW THIS PRACTICE (IN FACT, ALL WARSAW PACT STATES, AUSTRIA AND COSTA RICA HAVE CONSULATES GENERAL AND CUBA HAS CONSULATE IN BRATISLAVA.)

4. ZANTOVSKY ESTIMATED MFA WOULD ASSIGN THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE, AND THAT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY MIGHT ADD ONE.

5. ZANTOVSKY HAD NO INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR CONSULAR
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DISTRICT, SUGGESTING CZECHS WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY EXISTING PRACTICE OF STATES REPRESENTED IN CHICAGO.

6. CHARGE TOLD ZANTOVSKY THAT WE WILL BE NOTIFYING THEM
OF PLANS FOR BRATISLAVA. ZANTOVSKY HAS ALREADY REFERRED TO
NECESSITY TO FORMALIZE OPENING OF CONSULATES WHICH, AS
DEPARTMENT AWARE, INCLUDES AGREEMENT OF TWO STATES CALLED FOR
IN ARTICLE 2 OF CONSULAR CONVENTION, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY
BY THEN BE IN FORCE.
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